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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2002 (Paper Number 9),  
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel non-elected claims 2-7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

*A1*  
1. (Amended) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule that encodes a maize protein or fragment thereof comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

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Please add the following new claims:

*A2*  
8. (New) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

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